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Fishers High School visits the Statehouse

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana State Auditor Suzanne Crouch was pleased to welcome students from Fishers High School to the Statehouse today for a tour.

Auditor Crouch spoke to Fishers High School seniors about the function of the Auditor's Office and the importance of fiscal responsibility at the state level. She also spoke about her journey from Vanderburgh County Auditor to County Commissioner to State Representative to the Auditor of Indiana. Students also had the opportunity to tour Auditor Crouch's office.

"It is always a pleasure to talk to students and give them a little information about what the Auditor's Office does," said Auditor Crouch. "Paying the bills for Indiana, processing payroll for 31,000 state employees and creating Indiana's comprehensive annual report are all essential tasks done by my office that keep our state fiscally sound. It is important for young people to understand how our government works and for them to take an interest. Someday, they will be running our state."

The State of Indiana disbursed almost \$113 million to the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation in 2013. Of Indiana's \$30 billion biennial budget, 53 percent goes to k-12 education while another 11 percent is directed to higher education.

"Our state's fiscal atmosphere is a large component of what companies look at when they consider moving to or expanding in Indiana," Auditor Crouch said. "Credit agencies heavily consider our annual report when assigning credit ratings. Indiana is one of only a few states that has a AAA credit rating, which encourages businesses to move here, create jobs and hire Hoosiers."

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Appointed in 2014 as Indiana's 56th State Auditor, Suzanne Crouch serves as the state's chief financial officer. Prior to becoming State Auditor, Crouch served eight years as the state representative for House District 78 in Evansville.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR: Below and attached for your is a photo of Auditor Crouch speaking to Fishers High School seniors in the Statehouse rotunda.

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